

# DISCIPLINE: Web Accessibility

## Discipline Roadmap for: Web Accessibility

Current	2 Years	5 Years	
<b>Baseline Environment</b>  Initial efforts to date have focused on on-going: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Research</li><li>•Education</li><li>•Training</li><li>•Collaboration</li><li>•Agency Partnerships</li></ul>	<b>Tactical Deployment</b>  Minimal Requirements: Section 508 Standards  Best practices: W3C-WAI Guidelines	<b>Strategic Direction</b>  The standards and guidelines should be reviewed annually to ensure agency Web sites are in compliance with the latest revisions to state and federal laws,	
		<b>Shared</b> ✓	<b>Agency</b>
<b>Retirement Targets</b> Not Applicable	<b>Mainstream Platforms</b> Not Applicable		
<b>Containment Targets</b> Not Applicable		<b>Emerging Platforms</b> Not Applicable	
<b>Implications and Dependencies</b>  South Carolina state government Web sites shall be designed to be accessible, so that people with disabilities have access to online information, data, and services comparable to that accorded individuals who do not have disabilities.			
<b>Roadmap Notes –</b> For more details and information, please reference the Web Accessibility Policy listed on the SC Enterprise Architecture website under ‘Information’ & ‘Documents/Forms’ at <a href="http://www.cio.sc.gov">www.cio.sc.gov</a>			

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### ■ **Discipline Boundaries:**

- This standard applies to externally accessible websites and applications.

### ■ **Migration Considerations:**

- As soon as possible, each agency should conduct a self-assessment of its web presence, develop and maintain a written plan.
- Achieve minimum requirements (Section 508 standards) in two (2) years. Best practices (W3C-WAI Guidelines) are encouraged.

### ■ **Exception Considerations:**

- It is not required that all pages be retrofitted. Excluded are: legacy pages that do not require content update and instances in which undue burden can be proven
- Each agency shall establish a mechanism for collecting and responding within a reasonable length of time to comments, complaints and suggestions about accessibility of its Web presence

### ■ **Miscellaneous Notes:**

- To provide assistance to agencies, the South Carolina Web Accessibility Workgroup of the Assistive Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC) shall create an official State of South Carolina Accessibility Web site ([www.access-sc.org](http://www.access-sc.org)) to provide a list of resources and training opportunities.

### ■ **Date Last Updated:**

- June 23, 2004

### ■ **Next Review Date:**

- January 2005